

Michigan - 12th District

**12 David E. Bonior (D)****Of Mount Clemens — Elected 1976****Born:** June 6, 1945, Detroit, Mich.**Education:** U. of Iowa, B.A., 1967; Chapman College, M.A. 1972.**Military Career:** Air Force, 1968-72.**Occupation:** Probation officer.**Family:** Divorced; two children.**Religion:** Roman Catholic.**Political Career:** Mich. House, 1973-77.**Capitol Office:** 1130 Longworth Bldg. 20515; 225-2106.**Committees**Rules (7th of 9 Democrats)  
Rules of the House.**Elections****1982 General**

|                  |         |       |
|------------------|---------|-------|
| David Bonior (D) | 103,851 | (66%) |
| Ray Contesti (R) | 52,312  | (33%) |

**1980 General**

|                  |         |       |
|------------------|---------|-------|
| David Bonior (D) | 112,698 | (55%) |
| Kirk Walsh (R)   | 90,931  | (45%) |

**Previous Winning Percentages:** 1978 (55%) 1976 (52%)**District Vote For President**

| 1980 |               | 1976 |               |
|------|---------------|------|---------------|
| D    | 89,069 (39%)  | D    | 93,854 (45%)  |
| R    | 124,419 (54%) | R    | 109,186 (53%) |
| I    | 14,930 (6%)   |      |               |

**Campaign Finance**

|              | Receipts  | Receipts from PACs | Expenditures |
|--------------|-----------|--------------------|--------------|
| <b>1982</b>  |           |                    |              |
| Bonior (D)   | \$175,509 | \$94,313 (54%)     | \$172,597    |
| Contesti (R) | \$106,712 | \$2,725 (3%)       | \$105,134    |
| <b>1980</b>  |           |                    |              |
| Bonior (D)   | \$96,978  | \$56,268 (58%)     | \$94,248     |
| Walsh (R)    | \$53,275  | \$19,104 (36%)     | \$54,140     |

**Voting Studies**

| Year | Presidential Support |    | Party Unity |    | Conservative Coalition |    |
|------|----------------------|----|-------------|----|------------------------|----|
|      | S                    | O  | S           | O  | S                      | O  |
| 1982 | 26                   | 58 | 85          | 5  | 12                     | 71 |
| 1981 | 25                   | 74 | 86          | 8  | 9                      | 85 |
| 1980 | 68                   | 21 | 79          | 6  | 8                      | 82 |
| 1979 | 79                   | 14 | 87          | 7  | 7                      | 83 |
| 1978 | 79                   | 15 | 86          | 10 | 7                      | 86 |
| 1977 | 77                   | 23 | 84          | 15 | 10                     | 88 |

S = Support

O = Opposition

**Key Votes**

|                                                        |   |
|--------------------------------------------------------|---|
| Reagan budget proposal (1981)                          | N |
| Legal services reauthorization (1981)                  | Y |
| Disapprove sale of AWACs planes to Saudi Arabia (1981) | Y |
| Index income taxes (1981)                              | N |
| Subsidize home mortgage rates (1982)                   | Y |
| Amend Constitution to require balanced budget (1982)   | N |
| Delete MX funding (1982)                               | Y |
| Retain existing cap on congressional salaries (1982)   | Y |
| Adopt nuclear freeze (1983)                            | Y |

**Interest Group Ratings**

| Year | ADA | ACA | AFL-CIO | CCUS |
|------|-----|-----|---------|------|
| 1982 | 70  | 6   | 100     | 5    |
| 1981 | 90  | 17  | 79      | 5    |
| 1980 | 83  | 18  | 89      | 52   |
| 1979 | 89  | 0   | 95      | 6    |
| 1978 | 90  | 11  | 90      | 18   |
| 1977 | 90  | 15  | 91      | 12   |